

CTTAB 2004 Minutes

April 13, 2004

Meeting Minutes

City of Seattle, Board Room, 27th Floor

Key Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Board Members Present

Todd Achilles

Bill Baron

Maryann Budlong

Michael Daum

Deborah Gartside

Pwint Htun

Damien Koemans

Huat Lim

Manny Ovena

Nina Sanders

Jeff Techico

Ken Thompson

Harriet Wasserman

Excused

Richard Salway

Absent

Jason Bennett

Ann Robinson

Staff

David Keyes

Jill Novik

Tony Perez

Bill Schrier, CTO

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda and March minutes were approved.

David Keyes reminded people of the CTCnet conference in June and said he would forward general conference and volunteer information to CTTAB. Deborah Gartside will be presenting and will attend the entire conference.

2. Remarks from the Chief Technology Officer: Bill Schrier

Website Redesign: The City is previewing a new website for internal review at www9.seattle.gov and features a common header and navigation. CTTAB comments are welcome.

The Seattle Channel: will be showing public service announcements and a Kelly Guenther Spotlight highlighting the Comcast franchise renewal and promoting the April 28 public meeting and online survey.

Radio Network Upgrade: The City's radio software and hardware are being updated, the culmination of two years of work and a \$4 million investment. The network serves every police and fire department – as well as other public workers – in Seattle and King County.

Broadband over Power Line (BPL): Schrier met with representatives from Powerwan and Nextnet

and is reviewing materials from these companies and other entities to ascertain if the technology has potential for internal City government use.

3. 2004 Officer Elections

Jeff Techico and Damien Koemans were elected by acclamation chair and vice chair, respectively, for 2004.

It was suggested that CTTAB hold elections in the fall to capitalize on having an experienced board and to have a nominating committee present a slate which has accepted office. Budlong agreed to work on this.

4. Community Technology Report: Technology Matching Fund: Michael reported that of the 42 applications submitted for this year's TMF, 19 applicants were interviewed and 12 chosen. One application was subsequently accepted by the Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund and dropped out of the TMF process, leaving the potential for additional awards. The committee recommended funding the following applicants: Community Day School Association, Filipino Community of Seattle (DON recipient), Homewaters Project, International District Housing Alliance, Lighthouse for the Blind, Metropolitan Improvement District, Phinney Community Technology Center, Sacajawea Elementary PTA, Seattle Goodwill Industries, Vietnamese Friendship Association of Seattle, Metrocenter YMCA of Greater Seattle.

Action: Accept the recommendations of the Community Technology Subcommittee and forward to the Chief Technology Officer.

Two additional projects were discussed as potential substitutes for the Filipino Community of Seattle: Emerald City Outreach Ministries and Literacy Source.

Action: Recommend to the CTO to approve the two additional projects. If both cannot be funded, recommend the Emerald City project for funding.

It was clarified that locally based projects, those which show evidence of sustainability, and those which demonstrate civic engagement are preferred. Keyes also noted that more work is needed to get applicants to prepare effective and compelling applications.

Nina Sanders recused herself from the vote on the SCAN proposal.

The committee was thanked and complimented for its outstanding work on this year's TMF process.

5. Other Committee Reports

Emerging Technologies: Pwint reported that the committee met with Bill Schrier and Bill Davis from City Light to discuss BPL, which is considering new programs using BPL. Schrier noted that speed may be limited but BPL may be a good second path to the house. He also said that there will be a conference in May in Nashville and there should be some good information available from that.

Bill Baron and Deborah met with Tony and Jill on Wi-Fi and will be looking at Wi-Fi in more depth.

6. Cable Office Report: Tony reported that he and Jill had held sessions on the Comcast refranchising with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Seattle School District and City Neighborhood Council, with additional sessions scheduled with artists, SCAN, and union representatives. The CTTAB/CM Compton public meeting will be held on April 28 and full CTTAB representation is desirable. Nina, Ken, and Maryann have volunteered to facilitate.

Tony, Rona and Jill will present a summary of the refranchising process to City Council on April 19

at 9:55 a.m.

Web survey: members were encouraged to take the survey and encourage friends and associates to take it at www.seattle.gov/cable/refranchising.

The franchise renewal Spotlight and PSA's will be up and running before the April 28 meeting. We are also coordinating with SCAN to run them on their channel. We will talk to Manny about running them on the School District channel as well.

7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.